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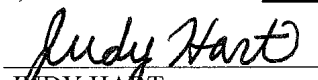
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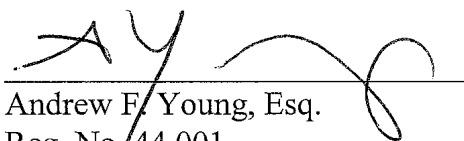
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STATUS REPORT

Sir:

Please advise the undersigned regarding the status of the above-identified patent application.
We have not had any communication since February 26, 2007. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,


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